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SUBJ: CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON DECRIMINALIZATION OF MARIHUANA

REF: STATE 57902

1) SWISS PENALTIES FOR MARIHUANA LAW VIOLATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

A) POSSESSION OF SMALL AMOUNTS: MAXIMUM OF 3 MONTHS IN PRISON AND FINE UP TO DOLS 16,000. HOWEVER, AS A GENERAL RULE, PROSECUTION IS USUALLY NOT INITIATED FOR THE FIRST 3 OFFENSES. EVEN AFTER THIRD OFFENSE IS COMMITTED, PENALTIES ARE OFTEN MUCH LESS THAN THE MAXIMUM. IF THE AMOUNT IN QUESTION IS SMALL.

B) TRAFFICKING: SIMPLE TRAFFICKING (UP TO ABOUT 100 KILOS) IS PUNISHED WITH A JAIL SENTENCE OF 3 DAYS TO 3 YEARS AND A FINE UP TO DOLS 16,000. HEAVY TRAFFICKING (MORE THAN 100 KILOS) CAN RESULT IN A JAIL SENTENCE BETWEEN ONE AND 20 YEARS AND A FINE OF UP TO DOLS 400,000. IN THE CASE OF TRAFFICKING EACH OFFENSE IS HANDLED IN A VERY INDIVIDUAL MANNER AND SENTENCING TRIBUNAL IS GIVEN WIDE DISCRETION.

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